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## Dr. Bumer to Leave; Will Not Return

Dr. Charles T. Bumer, head of Kenyon's Mathematics Department, will be on a leave of absence for the duration of one year. During this time Dr. Bumer will be Staff Member of the Radiation Laboratory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His work will be connected with Naval Ordnance, and will last an indefinite period of time. He will not return to Kenyon at the conclusion of his affiliation with M. I. T., however.

Dr. Bumer has been very popular on the campus, having been active in many community affairs. He first came to Kenyon in the fall of 1931 after receiving his Ph.D. at Ohio State University where he had taught for nine years. He received his B.A. from Denison University in 1919 and his Master's degree at Harvard in 1922. Previous to his position as Assistant Professor of Mathematics in the Colleges of Engineering and Liberal Arts at Ohio State, he was an Instructor at Michigan State.

In 1932 he organized the Kenyon Singers and remained their Director until 1935. From 1932 to 1937 he was the faculty representative and Chairman of the Student Executive Council. He is also a member of The Kenyon Klan.

Dr. Bumer played an instrumental part in originating the Army Air Force Pre-Meterology Program at Kenyon. While the Army was at Kenyon he was Chairman of the Mathematics-Mechanics Department and Coordinator of the Physics-Mathematics-Mechanics Department.

Dr. Bumer was also active in faculty and Gambier community affairs. Beginning in 1933 and for a period of years

he was chairman of both the Commons Committee and the Admissions Committee; he was head also of the Engineering Science Curriculum Committee. He has been Treasurer of the Gambier Community Fund, Bundles for Britain, and Bundles for America.



Dr. Bumer is a member of the Mathematics Association of America and the American Mathematics Society. In 1942-43 he was Chairman of the Ohio section of the Mathematics Society.

Listed in *Who's Who in American Education* and in *American Men of Science*, Dr. Bumer is also a Phi Beta Kappa member and belongs to the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and the National music fraternity of Phi Mu Alpha.

## X-CHANGES

Charlottesville, Va. (I. P.) The University of Virginia is establishing a new School of Foreign Service and International Affairs which will be opened July 2, to offer training to young men in foreign service for careers in government or business and also to offer a balanced program of international studies as the basis for a liberal education.

An instructional staff chosen from present members of the faculty will teach the basic liberal arts courses that will make up the first two years of the instructional program. Additions to the faculty are to be made before students who enter this summer are ready for the specialized courses to be offered during

the last two years of the four year course leading to the bachelor's degree. Additional studies will be offered for a fifth year that may lead to a master of arts degree or may give the student opportunity for study to suit individual tastes and needs.

President Newcomb calls attention to the fact that the University of Virginia is close to Washington, center of political and diplomatic life of the nation, with rich libraries and archives offering easy access for trips of investigation and research. Distinguished diplomatic and governmental personalities will also be available for lectures and consultations in this city.

## ONE MAN'S MEAT

C. R. ALLEN, JR.

On this side of the Atlantic most of our newspapers are representing the opposition party to the Conservatives, who with their 400 seats hold at present a majority advantage in Parliament, as political opportunists who intend to disrupt "national unity." Since May of 1940, the coalition government by the brilliant dictatorship of Churchill has led Britain to victory in Europe. Acknowledging the inspiring leadership of Churchill, however, does not invalidate an examination of just what his party, the Conservatives, stands for. It is the same Parliament which, if you recall, adopted the "umbrella" appeasement policy of Chamberlain; it is the self-same Parliament which contained the Col. Blimps of "too late and too little" fame; it is the same Parliament which even today is largely controlled by the old die-hards like Beaverbrook and Bracken who early attacked wartime controls and restraints on their coveted and free private enterprise. The Conservatives' leader, Mr. Churchill, is the epitome of British Imperialism; he has openly declared his intentions of retaining the Empire upon which "the sun shall never set"; inspiring, yes, but, nevertheless, an opponent of the popular governments in the liberated countries and a constant source of strength for Franco-Spain. Britain's victory in the last analysis was the result of the supreme effort on the part of the people as a whole; Churchill did not defeat Hitler in a single combat.

The Labor party, under the guidance of Attlee, Bevin and Morrison, knows that the Britisher's two major concerns are housing and unemployment. Its platform is clearly committed to a sweeping nationalization of coal mines, electricity, steel, transport and mobilization of finance and land. A "Socialistic Commonwealth" would go further than the modest plans of the Conservatives in solving the problems of rehabilitation; Labor also would erase the dread suspicion which exists between London and Moscow.

In July Britain chooses. I only hope that Britain reacts in the manner of Paris and Athens, and seizes this opportunity to eliminate Toryism and all its accompanying evils

## S. S. Kenyon Victory Launched One Month Ahead of Time

The College was recently informed by the United States Maritime Commission that one of the new Victory Ships under construction at Wilmington, California, had been named for the College and was to be launched July 4, 1945.

The Maritime Commission suggested that a ship library would be an appropriate gift from the College to the ship bearing its name over the entire world. The Senior Council then decided to cooperate, and every student, faculty member, and alumnus was asked to contribute to this undertaking.

## CHALMERS ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF DUREA TO PSYCHOLOGY DEPT.

President Gordon K. Chalmers has announced the appointment of Dr. Mervin Arnold Durea as visiting associate professor of psychology for the Summer Term 1945, here at Kenyon.

Dr. Durea received the degree of A.B., M.A., and Ph.D. from Ohio State University. He served as assistant professor of psychology there from 1929 to 1942 when he became associate professor, which position he now holds. He was also associate junior dean of the College of Education at Ohio State from 1929 to 1938. In the summer of 1942 he served as civilian psychologist for the United States Army in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dr. Durea has conducted considerable research in the fields of juvenile delinquency, psychoses and psychoneuroses, and has published numerous articles on these subjects.

of reactionarism and ultra-conservatism which breed nothing but chaos, misery, stagnation, suspicion and an inevitable third World War.

## AROUND THE TOWN

FRED PALMER

Spring is here, California style, with heavy dew flooding the tennis courts, and the sun shining brilliantly — and occasionally — through holes in the clouds.

Undaunted by weather conditions a steady flow of visitors have been present on the Hill.

Saturday, June 1st, East Wing Bull's Eye was the scene of a quiet little gathering of the Alpha Deltas and their local girl friends. Mrs. Dorothy Hynes poured.

The Betas passed the cup around in their recreation room on Friday Nite, June 8. Everyone was invited; a la Wimp. "if you bring the beer." A merry time was had, and everyone sang.

Before many of the Beta party goers had recovered the Delta Phi's took over the Alumni house for a private party. All stock was imported except refreshments which were strictly domestic.

Service men, Kenyon alumni and others have been seen quite frequently on the campus. Ens. Don Bowers, who is stationed in Washington, A/s Don Mathias, a Delt from Western Reserve where he is in Medical School, Ens. Bob Goodnow and Lt. Paul Ayers, who was on leave after having two ships sunk under him. Lt. James Logan, has just returned from Okinawa and had many interesting tales when he paid a visit to the Hill.

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## BOOK REVIEW

JACK SLEDGE

A MASQUE OF REASON.  
By Robert Frost. Holt, \$2.

"A literary event of major importance" which "will startle many readers", the blurb on the dust jacket informs me. I am not much startled by the poem for several reasons. The old Frost is in the technique of the thing, which is all to the good. I think it must be accorded him that his blank verse is marvelously conversational without being unduly loose (although I find some variations that Milton would not have set his seal to). The old Frost is exhibited in the attitude also. I remember a poem of his called "The Egg and the Machine" which concerned itself with a problem vital to our era: Man versus the Machine. The poem was delightfully done; and, even though the subject was not

searched thoroughly, we were left with an attitude that it was nicely presented. The same thing occurs in *A Masque of Reason*. This time the problem is Man versus an Irrational God. The story of Job is of course suggested, and Mr. Frost has Job and his wife speak with God (and also Satan) on Judgment Day to ask for an explanation. The situation has possibilities. The poetic-philosophic problem is: what will God say? Well, God frees Himself from the trappings of myth and orthodoxy:

Man: . . . the tree [of Christian symbols] is troubled  
Someone's caught in the branches.

Wife: So there is.  
He can't get out.

Man: He's loose! He's out!

Now Job approaches Him to ask the reason for his affliction. I have no intention of

rehearsing the argument between them, but God does apologize to Job, saying:

I should have spoken sooner had I found  
The word I wanted. You would have supposed  
One who in the beginning was the Word  
Would be in a position to command it.  
I have to wait for words like anyone.

In fact, God is just like "anyone." After a series of attempts at being politic, He tells Job the truth:

I was just showing off to the Devil, Job,  
As is set forth in chapters One and Two.

There are other points worth examining, but this much will serve to give you the tone of the poem. My objection is not based so much on a Christian indignation as it is on a philosophical disappointment. The problem is vital (if you admit that it is a problem at all); Mr. Frost is very cute about it, but the poem is nevertheless thin and philosophically superficial. This, I submit, is a vice in a poem that depends upon its argument.

You may enjoy reading the

poem once through for the rather pleasant theological naughtiness in such passages as:

Job: Humor her [Job's wife] or she will be confirmed  
In her suspicion you're no feminist.  
You have it in for women, she believes.  
Kipling invokes You as Lord God of Hosts.  
She'd like to know how you would take a prayer  
That started off Lord God of Hostesses.

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